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SUBJECT: CHONA'S TRAVEL AND KAUNDA'S VISIT TO NIGERIA

1. YOU MAY TELL CHONA THAT THE SECRETARY IS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE HIM IN WASHINGTON. CHONA SHOULD GIVE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DATES OF HIS VISIT SO THAT WE MAY SCHEDULE THE MEETING.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL CHONA THAT WE HOPE PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL DISCUSS THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION WHILE HE IS IN NIGERIA. AS HE KNOWS NIGERIA HAS BEEN IN CLOSE-AND RECENT-

TOUCH WITH NUJOMA. THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS OUR VIEWS ON HOW A SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED; WE HAVE COMMUNICATED TO THEM THE PROPOSALS WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT OBASANJO AND HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PROFIT FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S WISE COUNSEL AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION, ESPECIALLY THE RISK OF FURTHER FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA.

4. KAUNDA KNOWS OUR VIEWS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

SOUTH AFRICA A WAY OUT OF NAMIBIA AND UNDERSTANDS BETTER

THAN ANYONE ELSE THE POLITICAL REALITIES INVOLVED AND THE CONSTRAINTS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND OUR INFLUENCE. WE HOPE HE WILL BE ABLE TO ENLIST NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK WHICH WE HAVE ADVANCED AND ENCOURAGE THE NIGERIANS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO BRING SAM NUJOMA AND SWAPO TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE SINCE THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT NAMIBIA'S RAPID AND PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO FULL INDEPENDENCE ARE ERODING. AS CHONA HIMSELF HAS TOLD US, FURTHER DELAYS ONLY PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO PROFIT FROM INCREASED VIOLENCE.

5. FYI YOU SHOULD NOT SAY SO BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT

FMG IS PRONE TO SUPPORT NUJOMA'S MOST EXTREME POSITIONS WITHOUT GIVING ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO HOW THIS CAN RESULT IN A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION MEETING BOTH SWAPO'S AND SAG'S POLITICAL NEEDS. END FYI.
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